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Mid- Biennium Review Bills Pass the Senate **– House Bill 487 Includes Teacher Evaluation** **Changes From the Senate-Passed SB 229 Bill**

This week, the Ohio Senate passed multiple Mid-Biennium Review (MBR) bills. It is expected that there will be a conference committee on each bill to reconcile the differences in the House and Senate versions. Below is a review of the changes made by the Senate to the major provisions contained in the House version. OEA GR continues to analyze these provisions and will advocate our positions during the conference committee process.

During the HB 487 committee debate, the following amendments supported by OEA were included in the Senate version of the bill: the Senate-passed version of SB 229 that makes important changes to teacher evaluations; a change to the value-added measure on school district/building report cards; and the involvement of counselors and educators in the development of “locally-based” methods for identifying students who are at-risk of not graduating.

The Senate also added language that would provide a one-year suspension of high-stakes decisions based on standardized testing. While this is a step in the right direction, we believe more time than just one year will be needed. OEA delegates at the 2014 Spring OEA Representative Assembly passed a new business item



calling for a three-year suspension of high-stakes decisions based on testing.

[Click here to read the full analysis of the changes made to the MBR bills.](#)

To send a letter to your legislators on the proposed teacher evaluation changes and the one year suspension provision, please [click here](#).

